

Boston 21 Sept. 1848.

Dear Mark —

I have this morning rec^d up. Letter of 19th.
It will be a happy thing for you when you give
up your store. I need not say more on this
subject, as I have before given you my advice.
Perhaps your experience may be worth as much
as it has cost you.

Suppose you were clear of all trouble of
debt, and not obliged to pay for the driving
of all yr. subscribers sh^d pay you — what
do you think you could do in the way of
getting new subscribers? —

And would you be willing to make that
your business? getting the subscribers, delivering
the nos., collecting the money — & binding as
many Vols. as possible.

I ask these questions, because I think I can
now make an arrangement to take upon my-
self the burden of waiting till the subscri-
bers pay. And if your answers are sat-
isfactory, I will go to work. Possibly I
will visit Philad.^a for that purpose.

the your account in such a state that you can make out an exact list of all that is due by you - & all that is due to you?

In respect especially to your subscribers to the Living Age - can you say up to what number each of them has paid?

I can devise a mode of keeping the future accounts, by which they will be like Clock work, and with very little trouble to you. — And with taking great pains to be correct & methodical — & using industry, & economy, you will find yourself by the beginning of 1850 abundantly provided for.

I have credited you ^{by me} \$3 rec^d from Mrs. James Kinsman. You did not answer my inquiry about this — & I have had another letter, & wrote another answer, to W. Kinsman. — Your clerk did not answer it either — but this I do not wonder at: When a man is away, his business is not often attended to. Please now to answer that inquiry about Mrs. Kinsman's money & acct.

— For the present I postpone the matter about the Copper plates of the Western Navigator — which however I must attend to in time to preserve them. You say "the \$30—" as if you had told me before, which you did not.

I am sorry for all the trouble you have had in yr business — but it was intended to teach you to distrust yourself — and if you are willing to begin a new career, and to go slow at first, in order to stand safely, you will have better time, than ever before.

Your friend E. Littlell.